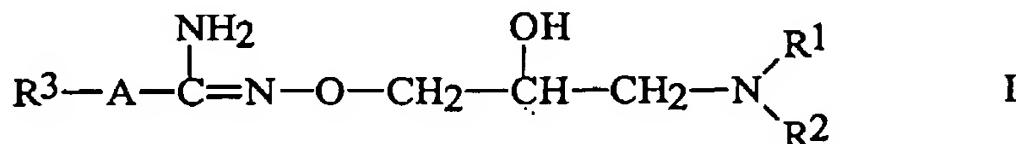


Sir We claim:

Claims

9/10/04 1 A method for preventing or treating actinic keratosis comprising applying to the affected skin surface an amount of a composition effective for preventing or treating actinic keratosis, said composition comprising a hydroximic acid derivative of the formula



wherein

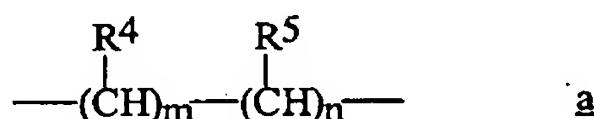
R^1 is a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-5} alkyl group;

R^2 is a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-5} alkyl group, a C_{3-8} cycloalkyl group or a phenyl group, optionally substituted by a hydroxy group or a phenyl group; or

R^1 and R^2 together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a 5 to 8 membered saturated or unsaturated ring that optionally comprises one or more further nitrogen or oxygen atoms, wherein said ring can be optionally condensed with a benzene ring;

R^3 is a hydrogen atom, a phenyl group, a naphthyl group or a pyridyl group wherein said groups can optionally be substituted by one or more halo atoms or C_{1-4} alkoxy groups;

A is a group of the formula



wherein

R^4 is a hydrogen atom or a phenyl group;